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British Medical Association.

CURRENT NOTES.

"A Register of Ophthalmic Surgeons."

THE Association is informed that a body of sight-testing opticians is circularizing registered medical practitioners who practise as ophthalmic surgeons, inviting them to place their names upon "a Register of Ophthalmic Surgeons for the use of Approved Societies in cases which, having been examined by a qualified optician on the Register of the Joint Council of Qualified Opticians, were referred for further advice or treatment." This list or "Register" is to be compiled by the sight-testing opticians' society upon the recommendation of local sight-testing opticians.

There is already in existence a list of approved ophthalmic medical practitioners prepared by the Ophthalmic Committee of the British Medical Association, and printed and issued by the Ministry of Health. This list is furnished to approved societies and other responsible persons on request. It is to be assumed that ophthalmic surgeons will desire to have their names upon a list prepared by a representative committee of their professional colleagues, and open to all who are competent to undertake this special work, and not on one composed of persons recommended by individual sight-testing opticians, and issued by an organization which holds the view that the testing of eyesight is a matter which should not be confined to those who have had a complete medical training.

Winnipeg Meeting, 1930.

It has been suggested that many members would like to round off their visit to Canada next year with a fishing expedition. There would be no difficulty in arranging this if the number of those who desire to fish in Canadian waters will send in their names and addresses to the Financial Secretary, British Medical Association House, Tavistock Square, W.C.1, and indicate the length of time, not less than seven days, they would care to devote to the purpose.

The New Salaries Scale for Public Health Medical Officers.

Difficulties have arisen in regard to the new scale owing to the fact that some local authorities assumed that it had actually come into force because it had been endorsed by the Representative Body, and have submitted advertisements in accordance with that scale. Seeing that the scale has not yet been officially adopted by the constituent employing authorities, and that in any case it cannot come into force till April 1st, 1930, the Council has decided that the old scale must stand until it is replaced by the new one. A circular letter has been sent to all whole-time medical officers of health stating the position, in the hope that no more of these advertisements may be tendered. Should advertisements appear in the lay press offering the new salaries scale it is hoped that members of the profession will not apply.

The Late Sir Jenner Verrall.

Members of the Association are aware of the visit which Sir Jenner Verrall paid to Canada in company with the Medical Secretary and of the impression he made on those he met. The following resolutions of condolence have been sent to the family of Sir Jenner Verrall through the Association:

By the Members of the General Committee of the British Medical Association in Winnipeg, October 21st, 1929.

"The members of the General Committee of the British Medical Association in Winnipeg have learned with profound regret of the death of Sir Jenner Verrall, and would express their sympathy with the members of Sir Jenner's family in their irreparable loss. Sir Jenner visited Winnipeg four years ago, when he endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact by his charming personality, friendliness, and interest in our problems. In his passing the medical profession of the Empire loses a great and distinguished leader."

By the Council of the Academy of Medicine, Toronto, October, 1929.

"That a resolution of sympathy be extended to the British Medical Association on the death of Sir Jenner Verrall, and that Dr. Cox be asked to express our sorrow to the relatives in their bereavement. In June, 1924, Sir Jenner Verrall, as the senior member and representative of the British Medical Association Council, came to us as a prophet of old and delivered to us a sterling message of good will and friendship from the medical profession in the mother country. Those of us who were privileged to meet him in Toronto appreciated to the full his cheery personality and marvellous capabilities. He left us with happy memories and a lasting inspiration, the fruits of which were born at the Annual Meeting of the Canadian Medical Association in Ottawa in binding together the medical profession of the two countries, which in itself signifies a lasting tribute to a great man."

Association Notices.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: NUNEATON AND TAMWORTH DIVISION.—The next meeting of the Nuneaton and Tamworth Division will be held at Tamworth General Hospital on Thursday, December 19th, when Mr. Gemmill of Birmingham will deliver an address on a surgical subject.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH: ENGLISH DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings for 1929-30 has been arranged:

Dec. 13th. Cinema Film on Rock Climbing, shown by the Chairman, Dr. A. W. Wakefield. Annual Dinner.
Feb. 7th. Discussion of a Scheme for Ante-natal Care in Cumberland, with a lecture and demonstration on the subject. Open to non-members.
May 9th. Annual General Meeting. Consideration of Annual Report of Council.
June 6th. Social Meeting in the Lake District—at Applethwaite.

All meetings to be held at Cockermouth unless otherwise stated.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: WEST DORSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Dorset Division will be held at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, on Wednesday, December 11th, at 3.30 p.m. Patients will be shown by the medical and surgical staff of the hospital. Dr. W. R. Thrower will read a paper entitled "Some conditions about the hip-joint." Members in the northern area of the Division are especially asked to note this date.

DUNDEE BRANCH.—An ordinary meeting of the Dundee Branch will be held in the dining hall of the Students' Union, University College, Dundee, to-day (Friday, November 29th), at 4 p.m. Tea from 3.30 p.m. Agenda: Report of representative at Annual Representative Meeting, July, 1929; address by Dr. C. E. Douglas (St. Andrews): The hospital question as it affects the family doctor.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH: LANARKSHIRE DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged:

Dec. 4th. 3.30 p.m., Dr. A. N. M'Lellan: The care of the expectant mother. Maternity Hospital, Glasgow.
Feb. 5th. 3.30 p.m., Professor Leonard Findlay: Clinical Demonstration at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Yorkhill, Glasgow.
Mar. 5th. 3.30 p.m., Dr. John Reid. Visit to County Hospital, Motherwell.
May 7th. 3.30 p.m., Annual General Meeting. Annual Report of Council and Election of Officers. St. Enoch Station Hotel.
June 4th. 3.30 p.m., Dr. A. Young. Visit to Bellefield Sanatorium, Lanark.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: EAST HERTS DIVISION.—A meeting of the East Herts Division will be held at the County Hospital, Hertford, on Thursday, December 5th, at 2.30 p.m. Mr. S. L. Higgs will read a paper on some common fractures and their treatment. Tea provided.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—A meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held on Thursday, December 5th, at the Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate, at 8.45 p.m., when Dr. H. M. Raven will preside. Dr. A. M. Crosfield will give a lecture on evolution. The annual dinner of the Division will take place on December 18th.

KENT BRANCH: TUNBRIDGE WELLS DIVISION.—A meeting of the Tunbridge Wells Division will be held at the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells (out-patient department), on Thursday, December 5th, at 5 p.m. Dr. A. F. Hurst of the New Lodge Clinic, Windsor Forest, and physician to Guy's Hospital, will give a lecture on some common disorders of the liver.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The annual dinner of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch will be held at the Midland Hotel, Manchester, on the evening of Saturday, December 7th. Among the guests who are expected to attend are the President of the Association, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, the Mayors of Salford and Preston, and the Editor of the *Journal*.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—A meeting of the City Division will be held at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 9.30 p.m. Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley will give a lecture on the surgical affections of the salivary glands, illustrated by lantern slides. The next clinical meeting of the Division in conjunction with the Æsculapian Society, conducted by Mr. R. A. Ramsay, will take place at the hospital on Friday, December 13th, at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 4.15. The annual dinner of the Division will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant on Thursday, December 5th. Tickets 12s. 6d.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—A dance in aid of the funds of the Hendon Cottage Hospital will be held at the Brent Bridge Hotel on Thursday, December 12th, from 8 to 12 p.m. Tickets (7s. 6d.) may be obtained from the honorary secretary, members of the Dance Committee, or the matron, Hendon Cottage Hospital.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged by the Lewisham Division for 1929-30:

Dec. 17th. Dr. G. M. Dowling (West London Hospital): Dermatological operations.
Jan. 21st. Dr. J. F. Halls Dally (Mount Vernon Hospital): Arterial pressure from the clinical standpoint.
Feb. 18th. Dr. A. Hope Gosse (St. Mary's Hospital): Lantern Demonstration of Chest Diseases.
Mar. 18th. Dr. J. L. Livingstone (King's College Hospital): Some points in the investigation and treatment of asthma in children. Illustrated by lantern slides.
April 15th. Dr. J. Banister (Charing Cross Hospital): Maternal welfare.
April 29th. Clinical Evening at St. John's Hospital, Lewisham, S.E.13, arranged by Dr. E. Ofenheim.
May 20th. Annual Meeting. The Medical Secretary will attend.
May 27th. Clinical Meeting at South-Eastern Hospital for Children, Sydenham, S.E.26, arranged by Dr. G. W. Charsley, 4 p.m.
June 3rd. Clinical Meeting at Lewisham Hospital, S.E.13, arranged by Dr. H. Nockolds.
June 17th. Dr. Stanley White: Recent aspects of gland therapy, with special reference to ovarian hormones.

Meetings are held at 8.45 p.m. at the Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, unless otherwise stated.

OXFORD AND READING BRANCH: OXFORD DIVISION.—The annual meeting of the Oxford Division will be held at the Radcliffe Infirmary on Wednesday, December 4th, at 2.30 p.m. Agenda: Election of office-bearers; the outgoing chairman, Sir Farquhar Buzzard, will deliver an address entitled "Disorders of function and functional disorders." After tea the Executive Committee will meet to consider the programme for 1930.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.—A clinical meeting of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch will be held at the Royal Salop Infirmary, to-day (Friday, November 29th), at 3.45 p.m., when Dr. W. M. Levitt of the Radiological Department of St. Bartholomew's Hospital will read a paper on the treatment of malignant disease by *x* rays and radium. It is understood that Dr. Levitt will give particular attention to the radium side of treatment.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: JERSEY DIVISION.—The following programme has been arranged:

Dec. 19th. Clinical and Pathological Evening.
Jan. 16th. Paper—Dr. J. S. Nicolson: Some tropical diseases.
Feb. 20th. Paper—Mr. A. C. Halliwell: Radium treatment for malignant disease.
Mar. 20th. Paper—Dr. T. Warrington: *X* rays and diagnosis.
April 17th. Paper—Dr. P. G. Bentlif: Judicial hanging.
May 15th. Paper—Dr. G. W. Greene: Wasting of the small muscles of the hand associated with disease of the nervous system.
June 19th. Paper—Dr. R. N. McKinstry: Some aspects of school inspection.

The meetings will be held in the Committee Room of the General Hospital at 8.30 p.m. Members having cases of interest are invited to show them at any of the meetings.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the Queen's Hotel, Southsea, on Thursday, December 12th (lawyers' night). Dr. Parry will give a talk entitled "The trial of Mary Blandy in 1752 for the murder of her father by poisoning with arsenic." The meeting will be preceded by supper at 9 p.m. (cost 3s. 6d., including gratuities). Members are invited to bring legal friends as their guests.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH.—The following programme of meetings has been arranged:

Feb. 6th. Clinical Meeting at Swansea. Communications to be sent in by January 23rd.
April 10th. Clinical Meeting at Brecon. Communications to be sent in by March 27th.
May — Social Meeting at Aberystwyth by invitation of South Wales Division on some Saturday to be arranged. Lecture.
June 26th. Annual Meeting at Newport. Nomination of officers to be sent in by May 28th.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.—The next meeting of the South Suffolk Division will be held to-day (Friday, November 29th), at 3.15 p.m., at the Ipswich Sugar Beet Factory, Sproughton. There is much to be seen of great mechanical and chemical interest, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Suffolk Division will be held at the West Suffolk General Hospital to-day (Saturday, November 30th), at 8.45 p.m. Mr. L. E. Barrington-Ward will lecture on the treatment of tuberculous glands in the neck of children. A clinic of surgical cases (children) will be held at the hospital on Sunday, December 1st, at 11 a.m.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Guildford Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Thursday, December 5th, at 4 p.m. Mr. Jocelyn Swan will read a paper on the prostatic patient. Tea will be served at 3.45 p.m.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A meeting of all practitioners residing in the area of the Brighton Division—whether members or not of the British Medical Association—will be held at Queen's Road Dispensary on Tuesday, December 3rd, at 8.30 p.m., to consider the question of the reorganization of the medical services in the county of Sussex arising out of the Local Government Act, 1929. A clinical meeting will be held at the Children's Hospital on Thursday, December 12th, at 3.45 p.m. Members are asked to note December 20th, the day of the ball. The profits will be given to the Charities Fund of the British Medical Association.

WILTSHIRE BRANCH: SALISBURY DIVISION.—Dr. E. P. Poulton, physician to Guy's Hospital, will deliver a lecture to the Salisbury Division on some recent work on endocrine gland products and its application to therapeutics. The lecture will be given in the Salisbury Museum lecture theatre on Friday, December 13th, at 8.30 p.m., and the Executive Committee are desirous that all members will make a special effort to be present. Members may dine together at the White Hart Hotel at 7.15 p.m., and those proposing to dine are requested to notify the secretary by December 11th, so that he may make arrangements.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND HEREFORDSHIRE BRANCH: HEREFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Hereford Division will be held at 1a, St. John Street, Hereford, on Monday, December 2nd, at 4 p.m. Agenda: Report on post-graduate lectures; maternal mortality investigations; offers of lectures; National Council for Mental Hygiene; voluntary hospitals consultative committees; cancer investigations; monthly circular for November. Tea will be provided.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: BRADFORD DIVISION.—The following programme has been arranged for the session 1929–30:

Dec. 10th.	Combined Clinical Meeting with Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society.
Jan. 29th.	Annual Dinner Dance.
Feb. 26th.	Lecture by Dr. C. J. Young: Vaccines.
March —	British Medical Association Lecture. Date and subject not yet fixed.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.—A meeting of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division will be held at the Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield, on Thursday, December 5th, preceded by supper (3s.) at 7.45 p.m. Dr. J. T. Ingram, physician to the dermatological department, Leeds Infirmary, will give a lecture on psoriasis.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: YORK DIVISION.—Members of the York Division will be cordially welcomed at the meeting of the Harrogate Division to be held at the Royal Bath Hospital to-day (Saturday, November 30th), at 4.30 p.m., when Dr. Crighton Bramwell (Manchester) will give a British Medical Association Lecture on coronary thrombosis. Tea will be provided at 4 o'clock.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions.

BURMA BRANCH.

A GENERAL meeting of the Burma Branch was held at the Pasteur Institute, Rangoon, on September 24th, when the president, Dr. W. P. MURRAY, occupied the chair; thirty-eight members and medical guests were present.

Lieut.-Colonel J. TAYLOR, D.S.O., I.M.S., in an address on anti-rabic immunization, dealt briefly with the historical aspect of the subject, and traced the gradual development of improvements on Pasteur's original technique. A demonstration was then given of the extraction of rabbit's brain and cord, and the preparation of carbolized vaccine. The method of passage of the fixed virus to a fresh animal was also shown and a new way of filling vaccine capsules was demonstrated. In view of the recent occurrence of severe cases of Weil's disease in Rangoon, a microscopical demonstration of the living *Leptospira icterohaemorrhagiae* by dark-ground illumination also proved of great interest to members.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Lieut.-Colonel Taylor for his address.

HERTFORDSHIRE BRANCH: BARNET DIVISION.

A VERY well-attended dinner of the Barnet Division was held at the Salisbury Hotel, Barnet, on October 30th. After the dinner Lieut.-Colonel W. L. HAMETT, I.M.S., gave an address on his recent visit to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester, Minnesota. He sketched briefly the origin and growth of the clinic, and described the buildings and methods of administration. He then illustrated the procedure by following in detail the progress of a patient through the general diagnostic section of the clinic. He depicted briefly the methods adopted in the laboratories, radiological and special departments (particularly those dealing with urological and rectal cases), the operating theatres, and the department of surgical pathology, where an admirable technique for the examination of fresh unfixed frozen sections of tissues was in use. He emphasized the efficiency of the team work, and the utilization of the services of technical assistants for the more mechanical parts of the work. In conclusion, the lecturer described the Mayo Foundation, and pointed out that through this institution the clinic had become not only an outstanding example of the results of applying efficient business methods to medical work, but also a great influence in the progress of higher medical education and research in the United States. Colonel Hamett held his audience in rapt attention for an hour and a half.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN a hearty vote of thanks was accorded with acclamation to Lieut.-Colonel Hamett for his interesting address.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: MID-CHESHIRE DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Mid-Cheshire Division was held at the Altrincham General Hospital on November 3rd. Dr. R. M. MANWARING-WHITE gave a report of the proceedings of the Annual Representative Meeting at Manchester.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Camberwell Division was held at St. Giles's Hospital, Camberwell, on November 12th, when Mr. R. C. HARKNESS was in the chair, and a clinical demonstration was given by members of the hospital staff. The medical superintendent, Mr. MASTERMAN, demonstrated the injection method in the treatment of varicose veins of the leg. Dr. MITCHELL showed a series of four cases of progressive rheumatic endocarditis, a case of meningitis, and two anaemias. Dr. CHILCOTT described three cases of heart disease and two of tabes dorsalis. A visit was then paid to the laboratory, where Dr. BOUSFIELD exhibited a number of blood films of the anaemias. He also explained a new method for the measurement of red blood corpuscles.

A discussion of the cases ensued, and a unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the hospital staff.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LAMBETH AND SOUTHWARK DIVISION.

A WELL-ATTENDED clinical meeting of the Lambeth and Southwark Division was held at the Belgrave Hospital, Clapham Road, on November 13th. Mr. SIDNEY BOYD showed a series of fifteen most interesting surgical cases.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LINCOLN DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Lincoln Division was held at the Free Library on November 7th, when Dr. H. C. BARLOW was in the chair. Dr. R. M. BRONTË gave a British Medical Association Lecture entitled "Some notes on forensic pathology" before a large and enthusiastic gathering, which included members of the Lincoln Law Society.

Dr. Brontë, who dealt mainly with cases of abortion and cut throat, defined in a very convincing manner the scope of the evidence that should be given by the medical witness before the coroner. He emphasized the importance of adhering to facts and avoiding theories. He showed photographs illustrating the inability to distinguish in cases of cut throat between suicide and homicide by the appearance of the wounds.

On the motion of Dr. H. W. B. BROOK, city coroner, seconded by Mr. ROBERT EPTON on behalf of the Lincoln Law Society, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Brontë for his interesting address.

NORFOLK BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the West Norfolk Division was held at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital on November 14th, when Dr. H. R. CLARKE was in the chair.

An address was given by Dr. A. W. ULOTH on the problem of rheumatism, which was followed by a keen discussion. There was also a demonstration of cases illustrating a variety of rheumatic conditions, as well as some cases of general interest.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION.

A MEETING of the North Northumberland Division was held in the Infirmary at Berwick-on-Tweed on November 19th, when twenty-two members were present. A most interesting and instructive address was delivered by Professor EDWIN BRAMWELL (Edinburgh) on some aspects of pain. On the motion of Dr. MACNABB, seconded by Dr. W. B. MACKAY, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Professor BRAMWELL for his address.

SHROPSHIRE AND MID-WALES BRANCH.

THE fifty-fourth annual general meeting of the Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch was held at the Royal Salop Infirmary on October 29th. After the officers for the ensuing session had been elected and general business had been completed, Dr. H. C. WOODHOUSE delivered his presidential address, entitled "Hobbies and recreations of a medical man"; this was of great interest, and dealt largely with rock climbing. The meeting was followed by the annual dinner, which was held at the Music Hall, when about eighty were present, including Dr. Leonard Parsons (Birmingham), Mr. Nicholas Fielden, vice-chairman of the board of the Royal Salop Infirmary), and Dr. Walker Ll. Davies (High Sheriff of Cardiganshire).

SOUTHERN BRANCH: SOUTHAMPTON DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Southampton Division was held at the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital on November 20th. The representative of the Division reported on the business of the Annual Representative Meeting. Considerable interest was shown in the national maternity service scheme and in the hospital policy as it affected the middle classes. There was general agreement that there was a real need for hospital beds for the middle classes, and also for a satisfactory scheme of insurance against the financial burdens of sickness in such cases.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.

THE annual general meeting of the Staffordshire Branch was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on October 31st, under the presidency of Dr. T. C. CRAIG, who gave an interesting address entitled "State medical service."

SUFFOLK BRANCH: SOUTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.

A MEETING of the South Suffolk Division was held in the Pathological Laboratory of the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital on October 25th, when Dr. S. S. HOYLAND was in the chair and fifteen members were present. Dr. W. F. FRYER gave a brief report on the Annual Representative Meeting at Manchester in July. A lecture on some recent aspects of biological therapy, and a cinematograph film, entitled "How biological products are made," was given by Dr. J. STANLEY WHITE. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. White for his most instructive and interesting lecture and film.

SURREY BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION.

AN ordinary meeting of the Guildford Division was held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital on November 7th, when Dr. J. MCGLASHAN was in the chair.

An interesting address on forensic medicine and crime was delivered by Dr. H. O. NOLAN, formerly medico-legal expert to the Egyptian Government, and afterwards head of the Public Security Department of Egypt. At the conclusion of the address a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Nolan on the motion of Major-General GIBBS, I.M.S.(ret.), seconded by Dr. T. T. COCKILL.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH: WAKEFIELD, PONTEFRACT, AND CASTLEFORD DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division was held at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, on November 7th, when Dr. H. SCHOLEFIELD was in the chair; there was an excellent attendance of members. It was agreed to continue the Important Notice in the *Journal*. A report on the voluntary levy fund was received. Thereafter the meeting resolved itself into the annual clinical meeting arranged by the staff of the hospital, when a most excellent collection of cases, specimens, and dental radiographs were shown. Mr. J. W. THOMSON read a paper on hernia, after which tea was taken.

The proceedings terminated with a hearty vote of thanks accorded to the staff of the hospital.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1929.

TRANSFER AND APPROPRIATION OF POOR LAW INSTITUTIONS.

THE Minister of Health has issued to county and borough councils a memorandum (L.G.A. 26) on the transfer and appropriation of Poor Law institutions under the Local Government Act, 1929.

The county and borough councils will have to make arrangements about the institutions which, under Part VII of the Act, will be transferred and be available for the purposes which have been submitted under Part I of the Act. Institutions belonging to Poor Law authorities whose areas are comprised in a single county or county borough will be transferred to the council of the county or county borough; but to deal with institutions belonging to authorities whose areas are not wholly comprised within one county or county borough a settlement between the councils affected will be necessary. So far few such settlements have been made, though provisional agreements may exist in many. Unless, however, the councils reach agreement before February 1st, 1930, the Minister of Health will have to make an Order dealing with the matter. He wishes to leave it to the councils concerned to decide on the terms of settlement, but suggests that, in general, it is likely to be of administrative advantage if the ownership of each institution is vested in the hands of one council. Where the administrative scheme of the council includes a declaration under Section V of the Act relating to any form of institutional assistance it will probably be necessary for the council to "appropriate" for the purposes of the Special Acts Poor Law institutions which have been transferred to it; in other cases in which the council intends to extend the application to any of the Special Acts referred to in Section V of the Act of 1929 the appropriation of a transferred institution may be desirable. In the former the appropriation must be effective on April 1st, 1930; in the latter the matter may be less urgent.

For the guidance of councils which contemplate such an appropriation the Minister points out that in the case of county councils the Act of 1929 confers (without the necessity of any Order of the Minister) a general power to appropriate, subject to the Minister's approval, any land or buildings erected thereon, owned by the council, and not required for the purposes for which they were acquired. A similar power is available to county borough councils under Section 95 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907, but this section is operative only where it has been put in force by the Minister. If in any county borough this section is not in force, and no special powers exist under a local Act which can be used for the present purpose, the council, if it desires to appropriate a Poor Law institution, should forthwith apply for an Order to put in force Section 95 of the Act of 1907. The council is reminded that Section 13 of the Act of 1929 requires it in certain circumstances to consult a committee or other body representing the governing bodies and the medical and surgical staffs of voluntary hospitals.

The Minister suggests that when the council decides to appropriate a Poor Law institution, either as a hospital under the Public Health Acts or for any other purpose of the Special Acts, it should bring its proposals to the notice of the general inspector of the district at the earliest possible date. The Minister will then have to decide whether the continued use of the institution for its present purpose may not be necessary to enable the council to discharge its functions under the Poor Law Act, 1927, and whether it is required and suitable for the purposes for which the council proposes to appropriate it. Should a council wish to appropriate a definite part of a Poor Law institution in order to maintain it as a separate institution for the purposes of one of the Special Acts, it will be desirable, before applying for the Minister's approval, to ensure that the division of the institution presents no administrative or other difficulty, and to define and agree on the exact limits of the lands and buildings to be appropriated. The general inspectors have been instructed to help as much as they can in the work of facilitating and expediting the arrangements for the appropriation of suitable institutions.

When the transfer of land to a council is completed it should submit a resolution indicating its intention of applying to the Minister for his approval of the appropriation of the land in question for the purposes of one of the Special Acts, which should be specified in the resolution. This application should be accompanied by a plan showing the lands and buildings proposed to be appropriated, and a report by the medical officer of health, or some other officer in an equivalent position, describing the present and proposed arrangement of the lands and buildings in question, with a statement that he is satisfied that they are suitable for the new purposes. Where a part only of an institution is to be appropriated the report should indicate whether this part contains a separate kitchen and laundry, separate offices, and a separate entrance, and, if not, what arrangements are contemplated to obviate administrative inconveniences which might otherwise result. The council should pass the formal resolution of appropriation as soon as possible after the institution has come into its possession, and forward it at once, with plans in duplicate of the land and buildings proposed to be appropriated.

Where no declaration has been made and there is no need for the appropriation to operate as from the appointed day, preliminary application will be unnecessary, but consultation with the general inspector at an early date will still be of advantage, and formal application for the Minister's consent should be made, accompanied by a report from the medical officer of health or other appropriate officer.

Correspondence.

Optical Benefit.

SIR,—I had, the other day, a form handed to me by a member of the National Order of Oddfellows approved society who had applied for optical benefit. On this form appears the following:

> I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your application for optical benefit supported by a certificate from your panel doctor, and have pleasure in notifying you that your application for benefit has been granted.
>
> To obtain the benefit provided by the society you should take this form to a qualified optician, and direct his attention to the order embodied in the optical treatment letter in Part II (see inside).
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> The optician will examine your eyes and test your eyesight. He will also decide whether a further examination of your eyes by an ophthalmic surgeon is necessary.

Surely the doctor in charge of the patient is better qualified to express an opinion as regards the need, or otherwise, for an examination by an ophthalmic surgeon than any optician, however well qualified. In any case, for a doctor to have to refer his case to an optician for a decision as to whether such a course is necessary is surely a new departure with regard to the preservation of the eyesight of the population, and one which can only lead to harm.—I am, etc.,

Aberfeldy, Nov. 20th. N. D. MACKAY, M.D.

National Insurance.

LONDON INSURANCE PRACTITIONERS' ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE.

THE secretary of the Panel Committee for the County of London announces that the London insurance practitioners' annual dinner and dance will be held at the Criterion Restaurant, Piccadilly, W.1, on Thursday, December 5th, at 7.30 p.m.—reception 7 o'clock. The dinner and dance are open to all practitioners and their friends. The price of tickets is 17s. 6d. each (exclusive of wines, but including light refreshments during the dance), or dance tickets only (7s. 6d. each, inclusive of light refreshments during dance). Blocks of six dinner and dance tickets may be obtained at the reduced price of £4 10s., and in the same way blocks of six dance tickets may be purchased for £2 2s. Applications for tickets should be made to Dr. C. L. Batteson, 17, Russell Square, W.C.1, or to any member of the Panel Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL
OF
MEDICAL EDUCATION AND REGISTRATION.

WINTER SESSION.

THE one hundred and thirtieth session of the General Medical Council was opened at No. 44, Hallam Street, on Tuesday, November 26th. Sir DONALD MACALISTER, Bt., presided.

Official notification was made of the appointment of the following members: Sir E. Farquhar Buzzard, Bt., as representative of the University of Oxford; Dr. H. Letheby Tidy, as representative of the Royal College of Physicians; Mr. John William Alexander McGowan and Mr. E. L. Sheridan, appointed by the Privy Council to be additional members of the Council under the Dentists Act; and Mr. N. Bishop Harman, as direct representative for England, in place of the late Sir Jenner Verrall.

Sir Farquhar Buzzard was introduced by Sir Holburt Waring, Dr. Tidy by Sir Humphry Rolleston, Mr. McGowan by Mr. Dolamore, Mr. Sheridan by Sir William Taylor, and Mr. Bishop Harman by Dr. Brackenbury.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Sir Donald MacAlister spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN,—Forty years ago to-day, on Tuesday, November 26th, 1889, I was admitted to the membership of this Council by the President, Mr. John Marshall. During the last twenty-five years, since November, 1904, the Council has honoured me by entrusting me with the responsibilities of the President's chair. The time is drawing near when I must resign into your hands the trust you have so long and so loyally reposed in me. But if you are good enough to consider that prolonged experience may in some measure compensate for lack of youthful vigour and initiative, I am willing for a little longer to continue my endeavours in your service. That service has been to me throughout a source of deep interest, intellectual and civic. It has furnished me with manifold opportunities of co-operating with you in promoting medical progress and the public welfare, the two aspects of the Council's statutory function, which are indeed not two but one.

Forty years' retrospect satisfies me that, amid divers changes of operation and vicissitudes of public appreciation, there has been a steady advance, both internally in the Council's practical efficiency, and externally in its general estimation by the Government, the judicature, the public, and the profession of medicine at home and abroad. The Council has not failed to respond to the progressive demands of the changing years, and, by those qualified to criticize and to judge, its efforts have been approved and encouraged. In the light of my long and intimate knowledge of its working I cannot but pronounce the Council to be to-day a better instrument for fulfilling in the public interest the duties laid upon it by the Medical Acts than it was forty years ago. It is more harmonious, more zealous, better informed, and more happily inspired now than then.

Changes in Membership of the Council.

Changes in its membership have been constant. None of my colleagues in 1889 survive. But on the whole gains that have enriched us have more than balanced losses that we have had from time to time to deplore. To-day we have the like experience to record. Death has taken from us Sir Thomas Jenner Verrall, a direct representative of English practitioners since 1912, an eager and fluent contributor to our discussions, of ripe experience in professional affairs, and zealous for the honour and welfare of the profession. Professor Arthur Thomson has retired from the representation of the University of Oxford, after faithfully serving his University on the Council for nearly a quarter of a century. He carries with him our esteem for his sturdy independence of character, and our respect for his keenly critical intellect and his wide scientific knowledge. Mr. William Guy has completed his term of office as an additional member for dental business, originally appointed by the Privy Council in 1921. To his energy and his familiarity with dental education and policy the Dental Board owes much of its success in establishing itself as a new organ of professional government. Though Sir Edward Farquhar Buzzard has retired from his seat as representative of the Royal College of Physicians of London, we happily do not lose the benefit of his counsels. For the University of Oxford has done us the grace to appoint him its member here, and we heartily welcome him back. The Royal College has appointed in his room Dr. Henry Letheby Tidy of St. Thomas's Hospital, and honorary secretary of the Royal Society of Medicine, whose repute as a physician and a scientific investigator has preceded him, and from whose enlightened co-operation we promise ourselves much profit in every way. As additional members the Privy Council has appointed two members of the Dental Board, Mr. John William Alexander McGowan of Glasgow, and Mr. Edward Leo Sheridan of Dublin, elected by the qualified dentists of Scotland and of Ireland respectively. With Mr. Dolamore for England we have now for the first time a dental member for each of the three countries. This readjustment removes from the Council one English additional member, Mr. William Robert Ackland, appointed last year; but he will still continue to serve his profession on the Dental Board, as he has been re-elected by the qualified dentists practising in England and Wales.

The recent election of direct representatives to the Council has resulted in the unopposed return of Sir Norman Walker by the medical practitioners of Scotland, and of Dr. Leonard Kidd by those of Ireland, North and South. It must be gratifying to them, as it is to us, to know that they possess the unabated confidence of their respective constituencies, as they certainly have won and retain the appreciation and trust of their colleagues in this Council. In the English constituency our active coadjutor Dr. Brackenbury, whose present term expires with 1929, is assured of a fresh term of office dating from January 1st, 1930; and Sir Jenner Verrall's place is filled by the election of Mr. Nathaniel Bishop Harman, M.B. of Cambridge, and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Mr. Bishop Harman has proved himself highly competent in matters of professional administration, both as Treasurer of the British Medical Association and in other capacities. I offer him a personal as well as an official welcome, for he adds another former pupil of my own, at St. John's College, Cambridge, to my colleagues on this Council.

Indian Medical Degrees.

Turning to subjects which have engaged the earnest attention of the Executive Committee and myself since our May session, I must refer first to the position of Indian medical degrees, and their recognition by the Council, as furnishing guarantees for efficient practice in this country, under the provisions of the Medical Act, 1886, Section 13. In previous addresses, and in the minutes of the Executive Committee, you will find particulars of the inherent difficulties of this question, and of the patient efforts we have made since 1922 to overcome them. I pointed out to you last May that the period for which recognition of Indian medical degrees for registration here was provisionally granted, pending the appointment of a Government commissioner of medical qualifications and standards, was fast running out. I stated that the evidence of separate inspectors, appointed *ad hoc* by the Government of India, had been received; but that their reports lacked reference to any common standard comparable with our own, and moreover disclosed individual deficiencies in regard to Indian methods of training and testing which could no longer be overlooked. I expressed the Executive Committee's earnest hope that the Government of India would not delay further its assumption of the responsibility, which rests upon it by law, to maintain such standards of medical qualification as would be acceptable for purposes of recognition outside of India. I endeavoured to make it clear, once again, that the Council is not concerned with the standards deemed sufficient for practice in the several Indian provinces. It is concerned solely with the standard which it is required by law to guarantee as in fact sufficient

for efficient practice in Great Britain and Ireland. Qualifications admitted to the British *Register* must reach that standard.

On behalf of the Council, on June 12th, 1929, I addressed a letter to the Secretary of State for India setting forth in detail the grounds for these conclusions, and pointing out the essential services both to India and to the Council, which fell to be rendered, in the absence of an All-India Medical Council, by a full-time commissioner appointed by the Indian Government. His reports, authoritative, fully informed, and impartial, transmitted through the Indian Government, would be received by the Council with full confidence as a basis of action, and would furnish it with the guarantees that are indispensable for the due fulfilment of our statutory duties in respect of recognition.

This letter was followed by communications from the India Office, stating that, as a temporary measure, the appointment of a whole-time commissioner of medical qualifications and standards had been agreed to by the Central and the Provincial Governments, pending the settlement of the permanent machinery required to enable the General Medical Council to discharge its obligations. These intimations were laid before the Executive Committee on July 22nd, when they agreed that, pending the confirmation of the appointment of the commissioner, the recognition of Indian medical degrees, which would otherwise cease on July 31st, would be continued until the meeting of the committee in February, 1930.

In August we were asked whether we agreed with the Secretary of State in thinking it desirable to offer the appointment to Colonel Needham. The reply was to the effect that, from our experience of the value of Colonel Needham's unique qualifications, we deemed the proposed appointment in every way desirable. In September we learned that Colonel Needham had accepted the appointment, had made arrangements to leave for India on November 1st, and was prepared to make his inquiries and report to the Executive Committee in time for its meeting in February.

On October 15th, the India Office informed the Council that owing to action taken in the Legislative Assembly on September 25th, the Government of India and the Secretary of State had felt obliged to cancel the appointment already intimated, and that Colonel Needham's departure for India was countermanded. The India Office further stated that the Legislative Assembly will meet again in January, and it was proposed to ask it to reverse its decision, and to explain to it, "not only the unfortunate results on the prospects of Indian students that would follow from a definite refusal to appoint a commissioner of medical standards and qualifications, but also the genuine desire of the General Medical Council to help India consistently with the obligations which British statutes impose on them."

These perplexed and perplexing communications came before the Executive Committee yesterday, and I was instructed to inform the India Office that the final decision thereon must be postponed until the committee's meeting in February next. But the inevitable absence of authoritative reports on the actual standards of study and examination for Indian medical qualifications would be of the most serious import. The committee would, in fact, be deprived, by action taken in India, of the necessary guarantees of sufficiency, on the basis of which alone it would be in a position to extend recognition of Indian medical degrees beyond the period now current.

Inspection of Examinations at Home.

The Executive Committee, charged by the Council with making arrangements for the cycle of inspections of qualifying examinations to begin in 1930, have carefully considered the appointment of inspectors in medicine, surgery, and midwifery respectively. They have agreed to invite certain eminent and experienced members of the profession to undertake the important duty of inspection, and hope shortly to make definite appointments which will meet with the approbation of the Council.

Visitations and inquiries have continued, at the instance of the Education and of the Examination Committee, in reference to the courses of study, and to examination requirements, bearing on important subjects of the professional curriculum.

The visitation of recognized examinations for registrable diplomas in public health, sanitary science, and State medicine have been actively proceeding, and are indeed nearly completed. Probably the Public Health Committee will require further time to digest and comment on the visitors' reports.

Pharmacopoeia Business.

The Pharmacopoeia Committee will report on steps taken, and to be taken, with reference to the adhesion of this country to the proposed international agreement on the pharmacopoeial unification of potent drugs, following on the international conference held at Brussels in 1928. At this conference the Council was represented by the late Sir Nestor Tirard. The committee will also transmit to the Council a report of progress made by the Pharmacopoeia Commission since our last session. It will be found that the commission has been diligently and fruitfully engaged in preparing for the issue of the *British Pharmacopoeia* due in 1930, and has opened up communications with the British Dominions and with the United States which are likely to extend its usefulness.

Disciplinary Business.

As is customary at our November session, you will be called on to hear and adjudicate on a considerable number of cases of discipline, some of which present unusual features. With the able and experienced assistance of our legal assessor and of our solicitor, now happily restored to health, we shall, I trust, be able to complete these inquiries, together with our other necessary business, without transgressing the limits of the week.

Mr. Leathes proposed a vote of thanks to the President, and referred in congratulatory terms to Sir Donald MacAlister's appointment as Chancellor of the University of Glasgow. The motion was seconded by Sir Norman Walker and adopted with applause.

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES

The result of the election of two direct representatives for England and Wales is reported in detail in the *Journal* this week, page 1023. It will be seen that Dr. Brackenbury and Mr. Bishop Harman were returned by an overwhelming majority.

DENTAL BOARD.

THE seventeenth session of the Dental Board of the United Kingdom was opened on November 12th, under the chairmanship of Sir FRANCIS DYKE ACLAND, Bt. The following new members were introduced: Mr. H. L. F. Fraser, appointed by the Department of Health for Scotland; Mr. David C. Lindsay, appointed by the Governor of Northern Ireland; and Mr. J. W. A. McGowan and Mr. E. L. Sheridan, elected by the qualified dentists practising in Scotland and in Ireland respectively.

Sir Francis Acland, in his address from the chair, after a reference to the loss to the Board of the services of Dr. William Guy, Mr. Andrew Young, and Mr. Malone, no longer members, and welcoming the newcomers, said that he himself had accepted with reluctance his reappointment by the Privy Council as chairman of the Board. He believed that the chairman should be a dentist, and that there were many dentists who would be naturally far more acceptable to the profession than the present holder of the position. But from such inquiry as he could make it seemed likely that if he did not take the position the services of another layman might be sought, and such a person might have no more than the accidental connexion with dentistry that he himself had eight years ago, and therefore might be no great improvement. But eight years was quite long enough for a man to hold an office for which he had merely accidental qualifications. Referring to wider matters, the chairman described the developments which were taking place in Bombay, where a dental college and hospital were to be opened in August of next year, and legislation was proposed following closely the line of the British Dental Acts and setting up a board of seven members. He also alluded to the propaganda carried out by the Dental Board, and the testimonies which had been received from medical officers of health and others as to its value. The

British Dental Association had made an offer of help and co-operation in this field; he was sure that the Board would welcome this offer, and would realize that nothing but good could result from the closest possible co-operation between itself and associations of dentists in promoting the better dental health of the community.

The Board then turned to the consideration of many disciplinary cases, the majority of them relating to advertising or canvassing with the object of procuring patients. In two cases the Board found that the name ought to be erased from the *Dentists Register*—a finding which will be transmitted to the General Medical Council—namely, those of Mihrane Haroutune Chirinian, registered as of Coventry Street, London, W., convicted of stealing, and of James Ireland, registered as of Costock, Nottinghamshire, convicted of being drunk and disorderly. Neither of these respondents attended in answer to his notice.

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE.

Surgeon Commander J. M. Gordon is placed on the retired list with the rank of Surgeon Captain.

Surgeon Lieutenant T. W. Froggatt to the *Devonshire*.

To be Surgeon Lieutenants: M. Ryan and M. F. Quinlan.

W. M. Greer has entered as Surgeon Lieutenant for short service, and has been appointed to the *Victory* for R.N. Hospital, Haslar, for course of instruction.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE.

Surgeon Lieutenant H. M. Willoughby to the *Pembroke* for R.N. Barracks for training.

Surgeon Sublieutenants G. O. Barber and E. C. W. Maxwell to be Surgeon Lieutenants.

Probationary Surgeon Sublieutenant E. R. G. Passe has transferred to the London Division, List 2.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

Lieutenant A. T. H. Marsden is seconded for service with the Sudan Defence Force.

The appointment of Lieutenant W. H. Scriven is antedated to January 30th, 1928, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to January 30th, 1929.

The appointment of Lieutenant H. E. Knott is antedated to July 1st, 1928, but not to carry pay and allowances prior to March 12th, 1929.

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE.

Flight Lieutenants C. W. Coffey to Headquarters, Air Defence of Great Britain, Uxbridge; M. O'Regan and P. P. Hogan to R.A.F. Depot, Uxbridge; R. A. W. Kerr to Station Headquarters, Mount Batten.

The following Flying Officers are promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant: D. A. Wilson, F. E. Lipscomb, M. Clancy, C. P. O'Toole, G. H. J. Williams, S. B. S. Smith, V. V. Brown, J. F. McGovern, and W. Heron.

Flying Officers A. E. Vawser and H. C. S. Pimblett to R.A.F. General Hospital, Iraq; C. P. O'Toole to Marine Aircraft Establishment, Felixstowe.

VACANCIES.

ALL SAINTS' HOSPITAL FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES.—(1) Honorary Radiologist. (2) Honorary Surgical Registrar. (3) Two House-Surgeons; salary £150 per annum.

BARNSTAPLE: NORTH DEVON INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM: QUEEN'S HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon to Ophthalmic and Ear, Nose, and Throat Department. (2) House-Surgeon to Casualty Department. Salary £70 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM UNIVERSITY.—Lecturer in Physiology. Stipend £400 per annum.

BLACKBURN COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £700.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon to the Ear, Nose, and Throat Department.

BUXTON: DEVONSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Physician. Salary £150 per annum, rising to £175 after three months.

CANCER HOSPITAL, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—House-Surgeon. Salary £100 per annum.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Two First Assistants in the Out-patient Department.

CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL, W.C.2.—Second Surgical Registrar. Honorarium £150 per annum.

CHESHIRE JOINT SANATORIUM, Market Drayton.—House-Physician (male). Salary £250 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. Males. Salary £250 and £100 per annum respectively.

DEWSBURY AND DISTRICT GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £200 per annum.

DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL AND EYE INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

EAST HAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, Shrewsbury Road, E.7.—House-Physician and Casualty Officer (male). Salary £150 per annum.

EDINBURGH: ELSIE INGLIS MEMORIAL MATERNITY HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (woman).

EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—House-Physician (woman).

EGYPTIAN UNIVERSITY.—Two Surgical Tutors. Salary £E.35 a month.

EXETER: ROYAL DEVON AND EXETER HOSPITAL.—Senior House Surgeon (male). Salary £250 per annum.

FREEMASONS HOSPITAL AND NURSING HOME, 237, Fulham Road, S.W.3.—Resident Medical Officer (male). Salary £250 per annum.

GLASGOW EYE INFIRMARY.—Anaesthetist. Honorarium £100 per annum.

GROSVENOR HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Vincent Square, S.W.1.—(1) Honorary Anaesthetist. (2) Resident Medical Officer; salary £100 per annum.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum, rising to £750.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL AND NORTH-WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.—(1) House-Surgeon. (2) House-Physician. Salary £100 per annum.

HERTFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Radiologist. (2) Honorary Pathologist. (3) Assistant Lady Medical Officer of Health for Maternity and Child Welfare Services; salary £600 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) Part-time Junior Casualty Officer. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) House-Physician. Salary for (1) £150, and for (2) £100 per annum.

HUDDERSFIELD COUNTY BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officers of Health. Salary £500 for first year, rising to £600.

INGHAM INFIRMARY, South Shields.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons (males). Salary £200 and £150 per annum respectively.

INSTITUTE OF RAY THERAPY, 152, Camden Road, N.W.5.—Junior Medical Officer. Honorarium £150 per annum.

KETTERING AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Junior House-Surgeon (woman) at the Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital. Salary £150 per annum.

LEEDS CITY.—Chief Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary £900 per annum.

LIVERPOOL SANATORIUM, Delamere Forest.—Assistant to the Medical Superintendent. Salary £250 per annum.

LIVERPOOL: STANLEY HOSPITAL.—(1) Honorary Physician. (2) House-Surgeon (male); salary £100 per annum.

LONDON LOCK HOSPITAL.—Second Anaesthetist. Fee £1 1s. per attendance.

LONDON SKIN HOSPITAL, Fitzroy Square, W.1.—Honorary Physician and Honorary Pathologist.

LOWESTOFT AND NORTH SUFFOLK HOSPITAL, Lowestoft.—Junior House-Surgeon (male). Salary £120 per annum.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon; salary £100 per annum. (2) Assistant Medical Officer for the Venereal Diseases Clinics; £1 1s. per attendance.

MANCHESTER CITY.—Senior Assistant Medical Officer at the Baguley Sanatorium. Salary £500 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Senior and Junior House-Surgeons. Salary £130 and £100 per annum respectively.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) Assistant Resident Surgical Officer. (3) Assistant Surgical Officer to the Central Branch. (4) Assistant Surgical Officer for the Gynaecological Department. Salary for (1) £200, (2) £150, (3) £75, and (4) £35 per annum.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY.—Lecturer in Dental Histology. Stipend £50 per annum.

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum, rising to £175 after six months.

MERTHYR GENERAL HOSPITAL, Merthyr Tydfil.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary £150 per annum.

METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, Kingsland Road, E.8.—(1) Assistant Surgeon. (2) Two Anaesthetists.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH.—Five Medical Officers. Salary £700 per annum, rising to £1,000 per annum, and bonus.

NEWARK HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

NUNEATON BOROUGH.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Officer. Salary £600 per annum.

PLYMOUTH: CENTRAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary £120 per annum.

POPLAR HOSPITAL FOR ACCIDENTS, E.14.—Honorary Visiting Surgeon.

PRINCE OF WALES'S HOSPITAL, Tottenham, N.15.—Honorary Clinical Assistants to the various departments.

QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL FOR THE EAST END, Stratford, E.15.—(1) Resident Medical Officer. (2) House-Physician. (3) Two House-Surgeons. (4) Obstetric House-Surgeon. (5) House-Physician and Casualty Officer. Males. Salary (1–4) £120, and for (5) £150 per annum.

RADIUM INSTITUTE, Riding House Street, W.1.—House-Surgeon (unmarried). Salary £150 per annum

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Physician.

ST. PETER'S HOSPITAL FOR STONE, Henrietta Street, W.C.2.—Clinical Assistants.

SALFORD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Resident Surgical Officer. (2) House-Surgeon to the Genito-urinary Department. (3) House-Surgeon to the Aural, Skin, and Gynaecological Departments. Salary for (1) £200, and for (2) and (3) £125 per annum.

SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Two House-Surgeons (male, unmarried). Salary £150 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—(1) House-Physician and House-Surgeon at Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich (males); salary £110 per annum, and a proportion of fees. (2) Medical Superintendent and a House-Surgeon at Tilbury Hospital (males); salary £250 and £150 per annum respectively. (3) Medical Superintendent at the Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich; salary £300 per annum.

SOUTHPORT (GENERAL) INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon (male, unmarried). Salary £100 per annum, and £50 for services rendered in the Venereal Diseases Department.

TORBAY HOSPITAL, Torquay.—House-Physician (unmarried). Salary £175 per annum.

WEST HAM COUNTY BOROUGH.—Junior Assistant Medical Officer (male) at the Plaistow Fever Hospital. Salary £300 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.6.—(1) House-Physician. (2) House-Surgeon. (3) Aural and Ophthalmic House-Surgeon and Assistant Casualty Officer. (4) Assistant Surgeon Dentist. Males. Salary for (1), (2), and (3) £100 per annum.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Junior Assistant Resident Medical Officer in the Lunacy Department. Salary £456 per annum, rising to £576.

WIGAN INFIRMARY.—Third House-Surgeon (male). Salary £150 per annum.

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, N.W.10.—Clinical Assistant to the Surgical Out-patient Session.

WILTS COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health and Assistant School Medical Inspector (male). Salary £600 per annum.

WOLVERHAMPTON: ROYAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant Pathological and Pathological Registrar (unmarried). Salary from £350, according to qualifications and not £300 as printed last week.

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Honorary Medical Officer of the Massage and Electro-therapeutic Department.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEON.—The appointment at King's Cliffe, Northants, is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

APPOINTMENTS.

BARCLAY, John Hamilton, M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., Honorary Surgeon, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

CROWLEY, P. J., M.B.Leeds, Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Milborne Port District, Somerset.

PONTEDEL, Clarence, M.B. N.U.I., House-Surgeon to the General Infirmary, Macclesfield.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE.

Section of Orthopaedics.—Tues., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Minor Injuries about the Elbow-joint; to be opened by Mr. W. H. Ogilvie, followed by Mr. Watson Jones, Mr. Jenner Verrall, and others.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8 p.m., at the Royal Army Medical College, Millbank, S.W.1.

Section of History.—Wed., 5 p.m., Sir William Hale-White: The Medical Boswells; Dr. G. C. Peachey: The Book-plates of Medical Men (with lantern slides).

Section of Surgery.—Wed., 8.30 p.m., Pathological Evening.

Section of Otology.—Fri., 9.30 a.m., Cases. 10.30 a.m., The Diagnostic Value of X-ray Examination of the Temporal Bone, and the Diagnosis of Eighth Nerve Tumours. Papers by Dr. Elsie Mann, Dr. Graham Hodgson, Mr. T. H. Just, Dr. W. T. Gardiner, Dr. T. B. Jobson, and Mr. T. B. Layton. Cases and Radiograms will be shown by Mr. C. Gill-Carey, Mr. E. Watson-Williams, Dr. Imrie, and Dr. Gardiner.

Section of Laryngology.—Fri., 4 p.m., Cases.

Section of Anaesthetics.—Fri., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Anaesthesia in Rectal Surgery; to be opened by Dr. J. K. Hasler.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Gower Street, W.C.1.—Mon., 4.15 p.m., Dr. Charles Singer: Essentials of Heredity.

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.—At Royal Society of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.—Thurs., 5 p.m., Semon Lecture by Professor H. P. Mosher: The Lower End of the Oesophagus at Birth and in the Adult.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Tues., 8.45 p.m., Lecture by Dr. Maurice Davidson: Intrathoracic and Pulmonary New Growths.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—Lectures at *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.1: Mon., 5 p.m., Aches and Pains in the Throat; no fee. Tues., 8.30 p.m., Fits—Varieties; Pathogenesis; Relation to Narcolepsy, Catalepsy, Syncope, etc.; fee 10s. 6d. At 10, Bedford Square, W.C.1: Fri., 8.30 p.m., M.R.C.P. Lecture-Demonstration: Diagnosis of Bacterial Infection, illustrated by the Epidiascope, followed by a Laboratory Demonstration; fee 10s. 6d. *Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis*, Maida Vale, W.9: Thurs., 2 p.m., Demonstration; no fee. *Royal Free Hospital*, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1: Fri., 4 p.m., Lecture-Demonstration: The Early and Late Results of Operations for Exophthalmic Goitre; no fee. *London Temperance Hospital*, Hampstead Road, N.W.1: Practitioners' Course, 4 to 5.45 p.m.; fee £1 1s. for two weeks. *Hospital for Diseases of the Skin*, Blackfriars Road, S.E.1: Afternoon Course for two weeks; fee £1 1s. *Infants Hospital*, Vincent Square, S.W.1: Afternoon Course for two weeks; fee £3 3s. Copies of syllabuses and tickets of admission obtainable from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.—Thurs., 9 p.m., Diseases of the Breast and their Treatment.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues. and Thurs., 5 p.m., Cutaneous Syphilis.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.15.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics; Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics; Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Dental Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Ear, Nose, and Throat Clinics; Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Surgical, Medical, and Children's Diseases Clinics, Operations; 4.30 p.m., Demonstration on Practical Neurology.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., Dress in Relation to Health and Disease.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Mon. to Fri., Intensive Week.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—Tues., 4 p.m., Disorders of the Menopause.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Genito-urinary Operations, Surgical Ward Visit, Skin Department; 2 to 5 p.m., Operations, Surgical Ward Visit, Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Gynaecological Out-patient Departments. Tues., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Visit, Electrical Department, Clinical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patient Departments. Wed., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Medical Ward Visit, Children's Department; 2 p.m., Operations, Surgical Ward Visit, Medical and Eye Out-patient Departments. Thurs., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Neurological Department, Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Genito-urinary Out-patient Departments. Fri., 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Dental, Skin, and Electrical Departments, Medical Wards, Clinical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, Throat, Nose, and Ear Out-patient Departments. Sat., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Throat, Nose, and Ear Operations, Medical Wards, Children's Medical Department.

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MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Treatment of Empyema. Tea at 3.45.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Dr. Crighton Bramwell: Coronary Thrombosis. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Dr. H. Dove Cormac: Some Common Forms of Mental Disorder.

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Diary of the Association.

NOVEMBER.

29 Fri. Dundee Branch: Students' Union, University College, Dundee, 4 p.m. Dr. C. E. Douglas on the Hospital Question as it Affects the Family Doctor. Tea, 3.30 p.m.
Shropshire and Mid-Wales Branch: Royal Salop Infirmary, 3.45 p.m. Dr. W. M. Levitt on the Treatment of Malignant Disease by X Rays and Radium.
South Suffolk Division: Ipswich Sugar Beet Factory, Sproughton, 3.15 p.m.

30 Sat. West Suffolk Division: West Suffolk General Hospital, 8.45 p.m. Mr. L. E. Barrington-Ward on the Treatment of Tuberculous Glands in the Neck of Children.

DECEMBER.

2 Mon. Hereford Division: 1a, St. John Street, Hereford, 4 p.m. Tea.

3 Tues. London: General Medical Services Scheme Committee, 2 p.m.
Brighton Division: Queen's Road Dispensary, 8.30 p.m.
City Division: Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, E., 9.30 p.m. Mr. C. P. G. Wakeley on the Surgical Affections of the Salivary Glands.

4 Wed. London: British Pharmacopoeia Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Lanarkshire Division: Maternity Hospital, Glasgow, 3.30 p.m. Dr. A. N. M'Lellan on the Care of the Expectant Mother.
Oxford Division: Radcliffe Infirmary, 2.30 p.m. Discussion on Disorders of Function and Functional Disorders.

5 Thurs. City Division: Trocadero Restaurant, 7.45 p.m. Annual Dinner.
East Herts Division: County Hospital, Hertford, 2.30 p.m. Mr. S. L. Higgs on Common Fractures and their Treatment.
Guildford Division: Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4 p.m. Mr. Jocelyn Swan on the Prostatic Patient. Tea 3.45.
Isle of Thanet Division: Queen's Highcliffe Hotel, Margate, 8.45 p.m. Dr. A. M. Crosfield on Evolution.
Tunbridge Wells Division: General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, 5 p.m., Dr. A. F. Hurst on Some Common Disorders of the Liver.
Wakefield, Pontefract, and Castleford Division: Strafford Arms Hotel, Wakefield, 7.45 p.m. Dr. J. T. Ingram on Psoriasis.

6 Fri. London: Ophthalmic Committee, 2.30 p.m.

7 Sat. Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Annual Dinner, Midland Hotel, Manchester.

10 Tues. Bradford Division: Combined Clinical Meeting with Bradford Medico-Chirurgical Society.

11 Wed. London: **Council**, 10 a.m.
West Dorset Division: Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, 3.30 p.m. Dr. W. R. Thrower on Some Conditions about the Hip-joint.

13 Fri. English Division: Cockermouth. Dr. A. W. Wakefield will show a Cinema Film of Rock Climbing. Annual Dinner.
Salisbury Division: Salisbury Museum Lecture Theatre, 8.30 p.m. Dr. E. P. Poulton on Some Recent Work on Endocrine Gland Products and its Application to Therapeutics.

17 Tues. London: General Medical Services Scheme Committee, 2 p.m.
Lewisham Division: Town Hall, Catford, S.E.6, 8.45 p.m. Dr. Dr. G. M. Dowling on Dermatological Operations.

19 Thurs. Jersey Division: General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Clinical and Pathological Evening.
Nuneaton and Tamworth Division: Tamworth General Hospital. Mr. Gemmill on a Surgical Subject.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcement of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTHS.

CRAWFORD.—On November 12th, to Marie Louise Pauline, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S.Lond., wife of E. S. A. Crawford, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.T.C.D., of Swanley Junction, Kent, a son.

GILMORE.—On November 19th, at Vacoas, Mauritius, to Ella (*née* Forsyth), wife of E. R. W. Gilmore, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., M.O.H., Port Louis, Mauritius, a daughter.

RICHES.—On November 19th, 1929, at 4, Walton House, Longford Street, Regent's Park, the wife of E. W. Riches, *M.C.*, M.S., F.R.C.S., a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

HOWELL-MCCARTHY.—On November 16th, 1929, at St. Paul's Church, West Hartlepool, Winifred, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McCarthy of West Park, West Hartlepool, to Dr. J. E. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howell of Middlesbrough.

UPJOHN-CARNEGIE SIMPSON.—On November 23rd, at Hartest Church, Suffolk, by the Rector and the bride's father, Frank H. Upjohn to Margaret Carnegie Simpson, M.B., Ch.B.Ed.

DEATHS.

ATKINSON.—On November 23rd, 1929, Jackson Arthur Atkinson of Broad Oak, Newnham, Glos., aged 62 years.

BURKITT.—On November 23rd, at Warneford House, Ravenstone, Leicestershire, after four days' illness only, John Colley Smyth Burkitt, M.D., only surviving son of the late Rev. Canon Burkitt, Thurles Rectory, county Tipperary. Funeral on November 27th at 2.30 p.m., Whitwick Parish Church, Leicestershire.

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